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REMARKS

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 9, 11-12, 14-15, and 17-20 have been amended. Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 6-8 and 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as being anticipated by Barak et al. (US 6,792,093).

Notwithstanding the Examiner's contention on page 3 of the Office Action that Barak et al. discloses a wireless communication system comprising a server to record data packets and a remote station to send a command to receive the recorded packets, Applicant respectfully asserts that Barak et al. does not teach or suggest at least some of the features of independent claims 6 and 11, as amended, and therefore cannot anticipate these claims.

For example, claims 6 and 11, as amended, recite: "...a controller to alternate between the first link and the second link..." Without conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's contention, it is respectfully submitted that Barak et al. does not teach at least this feature of amended independent claims 6 and 11.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that amended independent claims 6 and 11 are not anticipated by the Barak et al. reference, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the § 102 rejections of these claims, and of the claims dependent thereon.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that the features of amended claims 6 and 11 would not have been obvious in view of Barak et al., alone or in any combination with other references of record.

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35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 14-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Barak et al. (US 6,792,093) in view of Larsson et al. (US 6,643,262). In addition, the Examiner rejected claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Barak et al. (US 6,792,093) in view of Liu et al. (US 6,434,139).

Applicant respectfully asserts that the combination of Barak et al. and Larsson et al., individually or collectively with any other reference of record, does not teach or suggest at least some of the features of independent claims 1, 14, and 17, as amended, and therefore a prima facie case of obviousness cannot be established with regards to these claims.

For example, neither Barak et al. nor Larsson et al., alone or in combination, teach at least the claimed feature of "recording data packets of a conversation by alternating between a first active link and a second active link of a wireless communication system", as recited by amended claim 1 and, in paraphrase, by amended claims 14 and 17.

Contrary to the contention on page 6 of the Office Action that Larsson suggests recording a conversation by alternating between links, Larsson merely describes deactivation and reactivation of telecommunication resources and connections respective to inactivity and renewed activity of the resources (see, e.g., Larsson abstract, col.4 lines 62-64, and col. 5 lines 4-7). It is respectfully submitted that activation and deactivation of a connection does not teach the recited feature of "alternately recording data packets ... from a first active link and a second active link of a wireless communication system", as recited by amended claims 14 and 17 and, in paraphrase, by amended claim 1.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1, 14, and 17 are patentable over the cited references, in any combination. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the § 103 rejections to these claims, and to the claims dependent thereon.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the pending claims distinguish over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned counsel to discuss any further issues yet to be resolved in connection with this application.

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